

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

ESMOND *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/394,712

Filed: September 13, 1999

For: **Method for Treating or  
Preventing Alzheimer's Disease**

Art Unit: 1614

Examiner:

Atty. Docket: 0609.4440002

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

*Amendments*

*In the Claims:*

Please cancel claims 9-12 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Once amended) A method for the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's disease, in a human, comprising administering to [a] the human in need thereof an effective amount of an agent which [results in lowered serum insulin levels] increases the insulin sensitivity of the human.

*See p 1  
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